

Town of Catharine
Town Board Meeting
June 20, 2017

Members present: Supervisor John VanSoest; Councilmen: Glenn Bleiler, Wayne Chapman, Ronald Hoffman, C. Michael Learn; Guests: Larry Reynolds, Jamee Mack

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Public Be Heard: No comments tonight

RESOLUTION 20017-34

RESOLVE that the minutes of the May meeting be approved as presented
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2017-35

RESOLVE that the Clerk's report be accepted as presented to the Supervisor and Board
RESOLUTION Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Wayne Chapman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Zoning report: Harold not in attendance, but, he gave a report that Steam Mill Rd violation is cleaned up and that the VanLoon Rd. violation is also cleaned up about 95%. John gave a report about the process for violations and the recommended fines/fees that could ultimately be assessed if the voluntary compliance isn't done. John also had a conversation with Carl States and he will be coming to the Planning Board to discuss some things about the "campground" and compliance with zoning. The board suggested that once there is a notice of violation, that the landowner get a letter giving them a certain amount of time to voluntarily comply, and if not done, they will be issued an appearance ticket to court. From there it will be the Justice's call as to what happens and the time frame. John will discuss the procedure with Harold to be sure he's up to speed with the recommendation.

RESOLUTION 2017-36

RESOLVE that the Justice report be accepted as submitted to the State Comptroller
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by C. Michael Learn
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Supervisor's Report: John explained that we have the new CD's established on the General Side (one for facilities and Retirement) and also on the Highway side (equipment reserve). Being just half way through the year, we are still ok on the budget. Suzanne gave some suggestions for budget amendments that the board discussed.

RESOLUTION 2017-37

RESOLVE that the Board do a budget amendment to reduce the \$10,000 on the DA side to \$0 and increase DA 5130.2 to \$10,000 and then transfer \$25,733 to the DB account on line 5130.2 and reduce the equipment reserve DB990.9 by \$25,733 and increase the budget for DB 5130.2 by \$25,733.
RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

RESOLUTION 2017-38

RESOLVE that the Supervisor's Report be accepted as amended by the previous resolution, RESOLUTION by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Highway Superintendent: There have been two trucks down. One of them is still down. The dust oil is done except for one house that got missed. Bill is calling Central to get them back up here to do that area. The mowing is going very slow--they can't get parts for the mower and it took 3 days to mow one road. They have been hauling stone for the stone and oil-- the old grader is down and has been for 2 months. Truck #7 had the new pump on the front has been fixed. The storms recently caused some damage. Marty was down for a week due to Surgery and they "loaned" Cory to Soil and Water Conservation to help do some repair in the swamp on St. Rt. 228. The dam broke and lowered the swamp by 4 ft. Cory got his CDL driver's license. Ron mentioned that there is a hydraulic repair place on Rt. 14 north in Penn Yan that they might be able to use when they need hydraulic repairs done.

No landfill report

RESOLUTION 2017-39

RESOLVE that the following vouchers be paid G99-120 in the sum of \$5465.02 and H58-71 in the Sum of \$18282.33 within funds according to the totals
RESOLUTION by Wayne Chapman, seconded by C. Michael Learn
VOTE 5 ayes, no noes

Dumpster Day update--took in 4.2T of junk--at a cost of \$790.20. We haven't heard how much metal we took in yet. We also had to National Junior Honor Society kids who helped out and got credit for 3 hours of community service. Jamee suggest for another year that we check with Probationer to see if they have probationers who have Community Service hours they need to complete.

The Governor set forth a law that the Counties needed to work with the towns to consolidate services to help cut taxes, so John is on the committee to come up with a list of suggested things that might save money on in the towns and county. on June 21, there will be a public hearing on the suggestions. We talked about all the points--

- Highway Administration
- Tax Collection-Consolidation and /or Privatization **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. Will use the practice established by school districts (utilizing private financial institutions) as the model for research. We would like to see the savings it would create before we made a decision on this. Carmella said it takes away to "personal touches" that people in the rural communities come to expect.**
Centralized Code Enforcement **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. Suggestion by Supervisor Russell to create three distinct areas; residential , commercial, and property maintenance. Again, would need to see where the cost savings would be--it would take the personal aspect out of the zoning, which could be good & bad--and every town has a different zoning law so a consolidated Zoning officer would have to learn all the different laws.**
- County Role in Tax Foreclosure Extended to Villages
- Health Insurance Consortium **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. Tompkins County a potential partner; if not will need changes in state**

- insurance law and or federal insurance regulations that currently limit coverage to employer plans of 50 or greater. This could be good if the price was less with comparable coverage**
- Property & Liability Insurance Consortium **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact. NYMIR to be further explored. yes, if it saves money and still gives the same coverage**
- Workers Compensation Consortium **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact this is payroll based, so might not make a big difference**
- ~~Legal Services—County to Provide to Municipalities~~ **-(Possibly in large certiorari cases)**
- Consolidated Courts **Explore both concepts of a district court as well as combining local courts. Financial impact dependent on level of commitment from municipalities If this could save money by having one District Court, maybe, but this would require a law from the state to be able to abolish all the local courts and the hiring of a "lawyer judge" and more than one clerk--maybe just do the Civil courts as one County Civil Court could help.**
- ~~Combined Custodial and Buildings & Grounds Department~~
- Shared PH Emergency Planner (Schuyler, Yates) **this has been talked about, and shot down-(by Yates County)**
- County Wide Enhanced Recycling/Composting/Curbside Pickup **maybe--show the savings**
- Libraries
- ~~Franchise Agreements (Administration/Negotiation)~~
- Public Transit Expansion
- ~~Sharing / Consolidation of Municipal Facilities-~~ **Possibly courts**
- Joint Purchasing **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact most of the clerks buy things when they are on sale (Carmella mentioned that she has never been given any information about buying off state bid for office supplies**
- Fire Departments: ~~Administration/Equipment/Consolidation~~ **Procurement Will research as part of purchasing analysis--this could be a HUGH savings, but would still need satelites to get to the outreaches of some of the towns, but each town/village wouldn't need to have as many trucks**
- County Wide Law Enforcement Agency / Police Consolidation **Need input from Village WG- wouldn't affect most of us --only Watkins would benefit**
- Planning-Economic Development/Grant Writing **Will conduct analysis to determine potential cost savings / financial impact Isn't this what SCOPED is for--and we are already "paying them" with part of our sales tax dollars**
- GIS
- ~~Human Resources & Payroll~~
- ~~Central Business Office~~
- ~~Financial Audits & AUD—Accounting Support~~
- Centralization of Issuance of Licenses – Dog, Birth, Death, Hunting **Carmella doesn't think this is a good idea. A county wide system for dog licensing would be daunting--and the way our (Town of Catharine) Birth, death, and marriage licenses are indexed, it is easy for us to give someone an answer when they call and ask for a certain record--regardless of if they have a date or not--county is not indexed like that at this point.**
- Consolidated / Central Board of Assessment Review (Grievance Day) **have grievance day in Watkins if that makes it easier, and maybe a central board, but it will only save our town approximately \$500/yr. not really the kind of savings we'd like to see if we are going to consolidate.**
- Web Hosting **maybe-show savings**
- Shared Water Operator **will benefit only a small number of the towns**

- Municipal Consolidations there are possibilities here that could be looked at--smaller towns /villages combine into one larger town--again would need to see what the savings would be.

The meeting was adjourned 9:06 with a motion by Glenn Bleiler, seconded by Ronald Hoffman

Respectfully submitted

Carmella Hoffman
Town Clerk/Collector